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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Examiner's Action dated May 19, 2005 setting a three-month shortened statutory period for response. This amendment is being filed on July 6, 2005, within the shortened statutory period. A terminal disclaimer accompanies this amendment.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 below.

Remarks begin on page 4 below.

Please amend the above-referenced application without prejudice as follows: